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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP:GAZA QUIET; IDF INJURES THREE  
PALESTINIANS AND ARRESTS TWO OTHERS IN THE WEST BANK--  
APRIL 1, 2005 (1300 HOURS LOCAL)

This is a joint ConGen Jerusalem/Embassy Tel Aviv cable.

1. (SBU) Summary: The IDF shot and injured three  
Palestinians and arrested two others March 31 in the West  
Bank. Gaza remained quiet April 1, without incident. End  
Summary.

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West Bank  
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2. (SBU) ATTACKS/SECURITY:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: The IDF shot and injured three Palestinians  
with rubber-coated bullets in Asriya village near Nablus on  
March 31 during protests against Israeli roadblocks,  
according to Palestinian newspapers.

-- Attacks: Shots were fired at IDF jeeps operating inside  
Nablus on March 31, but did not cause any injuries, according  
to Palestinian security sources.

-- Arrests: The IDF arrested two Palestinians in Azun  
village near Qalqiliya on March 31 on security charges,  
according to Palestinian sources.

-- Home Demolitions: IDF bulldozers demolished six houses in  
Wadi Rahal village (Area C) next to Bethlehem for lack of  
Israeli Civil Administration permits, according to  
Palestinian newspapers.

3. (SBU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

-- PA President Abbas issued orders to improve security in  
Ramallah and around the Mugata,a on March 31 after two days  
of riots and vandalism by al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in  
Ramallah and Tulkarm. West Bank General Intelligence  
commander Tawfiq Tarawi submitted his resignation after some  
PA security commanders assigned blame for the unrest to him,  
but his resignation may be rejected, according to Palestinian  
security sources.

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Gaza  
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(SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: Nil.

-- Mortars/Rockets: Nil.

-- Shootings: Nil.

-- Explosions: Nil.

(SBU) INCURSIONS/DEMOLITIONS: Nil.

(SBU) BORDER CROSSINGS:

-- Route Four (Salahadeen Road), the main north-south traffic  
artery, was open April, with a major detour at Netzarim  
Junction. Abu Khouli checkpoint was open.

-- Erez Crossing was open for internationals and for a  
limited number of Palestinians March 31, and 3,762 laborers  
and 240 merchants crossed into Israel.

-- The Erez Industrial Zone was open March 31 and 645  
laborers entered.

-- Sufa Crossing was closed for Palestinian laborers March 30, but was closed for the import of aggregates used in construction.

-- Karni Terminal was open, but operating slowly April 1.

-- Rafah Terminal was open for arrivals and departures April 1.

-- Tel al-Sultan checkpoint was closed April 1. Toufah checkpoint was open for residents of al-Mowassi, but closed for males aged 16-30.

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